WEEK OF LENTEN DULLNESS IN DRAWING ROOMS BUT BUSY WITH PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER-TIDE EVENTS.

HE first week without opera seemed dull indeed to the majority of society people who have the opera habit, and there really has been nothing to take the place of the nights at the Metropolitan, as one woman expressed it, "to dress up for." There have been the usual luncheons and dinners and bridge, but no entertainment of any moment, and there is another dull week in prospect. So society will soon find it necessary to get out of town to find any social diversions worth while,

Theatre parties have, as it were, saved the day, and the play last week was the chief attraction. Parties of from four to forty in number attended the theatre, not caring whether they arrived early or late, and they wished to have the audience understand how much the play meant to them personally.

Charitable entertainments have been, as they always are, a great feature during Lent. The tableaux-vivants given last Thursday afternoon, at the Waldorf, for the benefit of the Lying-In Hospital proved an immense delight to those society women who took part in them, to their relatives and friends and to those who had the pleasure of witnessing them.

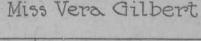
WHILE the city has been, for the most part, socially dull, the country, except for a day or two at a time, has not been very attractive either. True, there have been a few days when it was possible to go in for tobogganing and coasting and even a bit of sleighing at Tuxedo, and at Lenox winter sports have really been quite enjoyable. More and more persons are coming back from the South and opening their country houses near by; that is, opening the few rooms that have been closed-for no true society people ever close their country houses altogether, but leave them so that at an hour's notice they can be ready for a party of guests.

As yet no entertainments of note have been scheduled for the Easter season. This is rather remarkable, for it is usual to have the week following Easter quite filled with events. There are to be several weddings of importance, but mothing like the number celebrated last year. In fact, the most popular thing seems to be to make plans for leaving New York about that time. The papers are telling the truth when they say that the steamers sailing have every stateroom taken. This exodus to Europe is apt to last for the next six weeks at least. With so many of the fashionables already abroad it is small wonder that there is not much entertaining on the tapis.

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handsome trophies presented by the St. Augustine Golf Club. This will continue three days and be followed by the winter championship tournament, which will make a full week of interesting golf. There are many entries, players coming up from Palm Beach and Miami.

Many visitors are coming up from the more southern resorts to finish the month here, keeping the streets and hotels filled with pleasure seeking people.

Miss Bigelow, of Brooklyn, who owns the prettiest villa in St. George street, held a reception last Saturday for her house guests, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Benedict, of Burlington, Vt. Mrs. J. D. Maclennan ware a striking costume of white muslin with face let in, Mrs. W. L. Harkness was handsomely gowned.

The Misses Macmillan are entertaining Miss Anderson, daughter of Colonel Anderson, commanding Fort Screven, in Savannah Harbor. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kinney have Mr. and Miss Murray, of New York, father and sister of Mrs. Kinney, with them.

Society is still discussing the very elegant dinner Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Harward dinner Mr. and Mrs. Harvard and harmar dinner Mr. and Mrs. Harvard and harmar dinner Mr. and Mrs. Harvard and harmar dinner Mr. and Mrs. Harva

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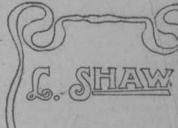
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